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SUBJ: DAHOMEY AND NORTH VIET-NAM TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL

1. ON APRIL 11 THE OFFICIAL DAHOMEAN NEWSPAPER DAHO-EXPRESS ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF DAHOMEY AND DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM (DRV) HAD DECIDED ESTABLISH "DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL."

2. THIS MORNING (APRIL 14) A SIGNED ARTICLE IN THE DAHO-EXPRESS RATIONALIZES THE STEP ON THE BASIS THAT (A) IT IMPLEMENTS GOVERNMENT'S NON-ALIGNMENT POLICY, WHICH IS AIMED AT RECIPROCAL SPEV AND ADVANTAGE, AS WELL AS

CLABORATION WITH MARXIST-LENINIST COUNTRIES, (B) IT WILL TEND TO STRENGTHEN THE SOCIALIST CAMP'S WAR AGAINST INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM, AND (C) "IT IS ALTOGETHER LOGICAL AND NORMAL THAT OUR COUNTRY HAVE FRIENDLY RELATIONS" WITH  
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EXEMPLARY DRV PEOPLE WHO HAVE LIBERATED THEMSELVES FROM

IMPERIALISM BY FORCE OF ARMS.

3. OPINION OF FRENCH EMBASSY IS THAT DRV WILL HAVE  
RESIDENT AMBASSADOR HERE.

4. COMMENT: OVER THE YEARS DAHOMEANS HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED  
THAT SO FEW FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS HAVE ESTABLISHED RESIDENT  
MISSIONS HERE (AT THE MOMENT THERE ARE ONLY TEN: FRANCE, FRG,  
US, GHANA, NIGERIA, ZAIRE, NIGER, USSR, PRC AND  
NORTH KOREA). WE BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENT MILITARY REGIME  
IN DAHOMEY, WHICH IS NOT VERY FRIENDLY TOWARD THE MISSIONS OF  
ANY OF THE FIRST SEVEN AFOREMENTIONED COUNTRIES, IS ACTIVELY  
TRYING TO PERSUADE MORE "SOCIALIST" GOVERNMENTS (E.G. GDR,  
GUIMYANW)CONROP, ALGERIA, SOMALIA) TO SET UP MISSIONS IN COTONOU.  
FROM DRV POINT OF VIEW DAHOMEY COULD BE COVERED OCCASIONALLY  
BY THEIR NEAREST AMBASSADOR (ALGIERS OR CONAKRY?). HOWEVER  
A WORKING MISSION IN COTONOU MIGHT BE USEFUL SPRINGBOARD FOR  
EXPANSION OF DRV DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE TO STILL OTHER STATES IN  
THIS AREA. END COMMENT.

5. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH REPEAT SAIGON.  
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